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The Exploits of a New Kind of Detective

By Francis Lynde

CHAPTER I. The Wire Devil.

ONNOLLY, off-trick division despatcher, doubling on the early night trick for Jenner, whose baby was sick, snapped his key-switch at the close of a rapid fire of orders sent to straighten out a freight train tangle on the Magdalene district, sat back in his chair and reached for his corncob pipe with a fat man's sigh of relief.

Over in the corner of the bare, dingy office Bolton, night man on the carrecord wire, was rattling away at his typewriter; and on the wall opposite the despatcher's table the electrically timed standard clock was ticking off the minutes between 8.55 and 9. While Connolly was striking a match to light his pipe Bolton tore the typewritten sheet out of his machine and twisted himself in his chair to ask a question.

"What's the good word from the Apache Limited?" he inquired, his evil little eyes blinking indecently. And then, before Connolly could reply: "It's up to me to 'buy' for the boys to-night. My little girl-doll is comin' on the Apache. Whadda you know about that: chasin' me all the way from little old New York."

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where the Limited was, but he gianced at his train-sheet from sheer force of habit.

"On time at Angels, double-heading with the Nine-thirteen, and the Six-five," he said. Then he shifted over to the car-record man's cause for jubilation. "I didn't know you were a married man, Boiton. If I ever get out of the woods and make good on the job, I'm going to do it myself."

Bolton's mouth widened like a split in a parchment mask, and his laugh was a dry cackle.

"Married—that's a bully good joko. I'll have to tell it to the little doll-girl, when she comes."

Connolly was Irlsh chiefly by virtue of his name. He entirely missed the pointing of the car-record man's remark, but the apparent gibe touched his vanity and his round and naturally ruddy face grew a shade

ing that same now. They do be say-ing his wife's on the train, and he's that near crasy."

"Thanks," returned Connolly, with

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bacco sack. "Twenty-one and Twenty-eight got bailed up on their orders over on the other side of the range, but I guess I've got 'em attraightened out, after so long a time, and it do with that tobacco of mine, I wonder?"

"Tis at Lobo Cut; 'tis Angels reporting it, sorr, so Missther Connoily distinct of the saying. He's clearing fr the wreck-train now, and he axed would you be coming over."

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Maxwell turned to his guest.

"You see how it is with us, poor railroad deviis, Calvin, It's a bac case of have to, and I know you'll excuse me. Just the same, it's an infernal outrage—when we haven't been able to get together for a dog's age."

The chemistry sharp, as he had called himself, was standing up and stretching his arms over his head like a pole-vaulter hardening his muscles

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what was needed was some one who could apply good, careful laboratory practice; a habit of observation which counts nothing too small to be weighed and measured."

"Oo on," said Maxwell.

"The idea came to me that I'd like to try it on, and I did. My theory is correct. Human beings react under certain given conditions just as readly, and just as inevitably, as the inorganic substances react in a laboratory experiment."

Maxwell reached for the box of safety matches and passed it to Sprague, whose cigar had gone out.

"I wish you could stay and put this railroad of ours into your test-tube, Calvin. We're testering along on the edge of an Carthquake—oh, yes—I know you'll say it's only a scare; but the worst panic that has ever gone into history was only a scare; but the bare nerves will lose his grip. You know about what that will mean. We've escaped alive so far; but the first real wreck that hits us will be just about the same as dropping a lighted match into a barrel of gunpowder; I thought it had come tonight; I'm glad it hasn't, but I know it's only postponed."

The chemistry man nodded.

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The chemistry man nodded.

"Somebody is reaching for you with a big stick; that is very evident, Maxwell. And there are brains behind it, too, when you come to think of it. If you wanted to kill a man without getting hanged for murder, one way to do it would be to persuade him to commit suicide. Has it ever occurred to you that somebody may be trying the same experiment on your railroad?"

"Glood lord, no!"

"Stranger things have happened. But that is beside the mark. You say you were needing help. I've half a mind to stop off and give you a bit of a lift."

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